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SUBJECT: GON VIEWS ON ISRAELI UNGA SUSPENSION

REF: A. NIAMEY 2862; B. NIAMEY 2843; STATE 170841

1. PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE CONVOKED ME JULY 21 TO UNDERLINE HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH JIDDA RESOLUTION AND TO FOLLOW UP ON MY MEETING WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER JULY 19 REGARDING ISRAELI UNGA SUSPENSION ISSUED AT KAMPALA OAU MEETING (REF A).

2. AS REPORTED REF B, DURING MEETING WITH ACTING FONMIN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COOPERATION MOUNKEILA INTERVENED TO CONVEY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REGARDING NIGER'S FOOD REQUIREMENTS. THIS REQUEST FOR FOOD AT
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TIME I WAS DISCUSSING ISRAELI SUSPENSION ISSUE

INTRODUCED INTERESTING LINKAGE INTO OUR DISCUSSION--
AS I HOPED IT WOULD. THIS THOUGHT WAS APPARENTLY
NOT LOST ON KOUNTCHE BECAUSE HE STARTED
OUR MEETING WITH COMMENT THAT AFTER HEARING FROM
ACTING FONMIN ON JULY 19 HE HAD DECIDED TO
DISCUSS ISRAELI ISSUE AT FURTHER LENGTH WITH
ME IN CONTEXT OF LINKAGE WE HAD MADE BETWEEN NIGER'S
FOOD NEEDS AND OUR INTEREST IN ISRAEL'S STATUS AT
UN. I ASSURED KOUNTCHE THAT LINKAGE WAS
ENTIRELY COINCIDENTAL AND THAT WHEN I ASKED TO SEE
FONMIN ON JULY 18 I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT GON WOULD
BE PUTTING FOOD REQUEST TO ME. KOUNTCHE SMILINGLY
ACCEPTED MY CLARIFICATION OF SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
AND THEN SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN DISTURBED BY RESOLUTION
ADOPTED AT JIDDA MEETING REGARDING
ISRAEL. IT WAS HIS VIEW THAT ACTION WAS BOTH CONTRARY
TO UN CHARTER AND ISS CONSIDERED. FURTHER THERE WAS
WORLD OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CASES OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND ISRAEL WHICH WAS CREATION OF UN. HOWEVER, GIVEN
OPEN FORUM ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH MATTER HAD
BEEN CONSIDERED IN JIDDAH, NIGER HAD TO GO ALONG.
IF COUNTRIES LIKE TURKEY AND IRAN DID NOT SPEAK
OUT, NIGER COULD HARDLY BE EXPECTED TO DO SO,
MUCH AS HE REGRETTED RESOLUTION.

3. KOTTCHIEHENT ON TO SAY THAT AFRICANS WERE
BECOMING INCREASINGLY ANNOYED AT GIVING FAR MORE THAN
THEY WERE GETTING IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH ARABS.
AT ARAB INSISTENCE, THEY HAD BROKEN RELATIONS WITH
ISRAEL THEREBY LOSING ISRAELI TECHNICAL EXPERTISE
AND AID AND THEY HAD RECEIVED VIRTUALLY NOTHING
IN EXCHANGE FROM ARABS. IN ADDITION, ALTHOUGH
INDUSTRIAL STATES HAD BEEN TARGET OF ARAB OIL POLICIES,
AFRICANS HAD RECEIVED A LOT OF TALK AND PROMISES BUT
LITTLE CONCRETE HELP. KOUNTCHE SAID CRACKS WERE
DEVELOPING IN AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSES
AND THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE BEHIND SCENES RESENTMENT
BUT AT PRESENT HE COULD NOT PREDICT HOW THIS MIGHT
SURFACE OR HOW FAR IT WOULD GO.

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4. IN ANY EVENT, KOUNTCHE SAID THAT AT KAMAPAL HE
WOULD, IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTED, WORK AGAINST ANY
EXPULSION VOTE AGAINST ISRAEL. PREFERABLE ALTERNATIVE
MIGHT BE SOME KIND OF RESOLUTION CONDEMNING
ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES.

5. DURING CONVERSATION, KOUNTCHE MENTIONED HE HAD
RECEIVED FRENCH TEXT OF SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH

(RECEIVED BY WIRELESS FILE) WHICH I GAVE
FOREIGN MINISTER JULY 19 AND SAID HE HAD FOUND THIS
VALUABLE CLARIFICATION OF US POLICY TOWARDS UN.
I USED OCCASION TO MAKE POINTS SET FORTH IN REF C
TO WHICH KOONTCHE LISTENED WITHOUT FURTHER
COMMENT.HECK

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